

TRACTORS FOR CASTRO COMMITTEE DISGRACE TO THIS NATION

(Mr. JOHANSEN (at the request of Mr. DERWINSKI) was given permission to extend his remarks at this point in the RECORD.)

Mr. JOHANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have received a letter from a constituent containing this statement:

I would (be glad to) contribute \$500 toward a Backbone Club with the same motto our forefathers had when the American people had guts—"millions for defense but not 1 cent for tribute or blackmail."

Mr. Speaker, I am convinced that it is not the American people who lack courage or determination, but only some of their leaders.

The gyrations of the Tractors for Castro Committee are a disgrace to this Nation.

Having presumably learned that you cannot deal with blackmailers, they voted over the weekend to disband.

Since then the executive secretary of this supposedly defunct outfit has been meeting with the prisoners committee. This morning's newspaper reported that the committee may decide to reactivate itself. Possibly that action has already been taken today.

When, Mr. Speaker, is the President of the United States going to resume charge of our foreign relations with the advice and consent of the other body by knocking this committee in the head once and for all?